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Retail Price Less than Wholesale

Egg War Benefits Consumer

Housewives are reaping the benefit of an egg price war in the Victoria area which culminated yesterday in the extraordinary situation of eggs selling cheaper at the retail than the wholesale level.

One large retailer offered two dozen eggs in cartons for 89 cents (44½ cents a dozen). This compared with the ruling wholesale price of 47 cents plus two cents for cartons.

In a quick reply the wholesalers cut their prices on all grades of eggs by two cents a dozen, thus reducing their mark-up from the producer level to 10 cents a dozen.

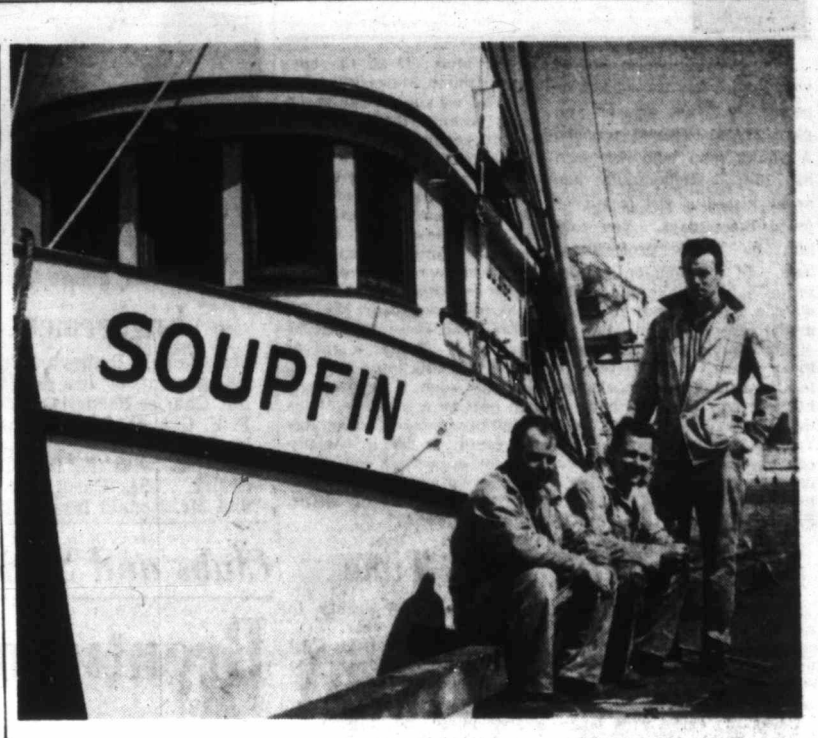
Even at the new level, the careful housewife can still buy eggs at under the wholesale price.

The egg war involves all participants in the egg industry.

While producer levels are still holding firm, many producers who sell direct to the public are taking much less than the recognized wholesale mark-up. The result is that they are under-cutting the city store prices.

Major stores are retaliating by dropping their own prices to below the level at which they can buy the eggs in open wholesale market.

"We don't know where it will all end," said one harassed egg merchant. "But meantime the consumer is the only one who is profiting from the chaos."



Ready to Reap Halibut Harvest

Ready to sail for rich halibut fishing grounds north of Vancouver Island are local fishermen, from left, James Quinn, Kenneth Quinn and Peter Zozula. Halibut fishery is one of sea's toughest operations. Men must contend with open sea, struggling fish and fatigue. Work-day often is 20 hours. Victoria's only home-based halibut boat, Soupfin sails Friday for Prince Rupert and May 1 season opening.—(Colonist photo)

Bridge Fixed, Traffic Normal

Traffic between Esquimalt, Victoria West and Victoria was back to normal yesterday, with repairs to the Johnson Street bridge completed and the span back in service.

Damaged April 3 by the hulk of a tug under tow, the bridge was closed for more than two weeks.

Students Shatter Oak Bay's Peace

Road 'Glorified Drag Strip' Irate Residents Complain

Oak Bay residents last night described how high school students in cars daily turn a quiet residential street "into a glorified parking lot and drag strip."

The delegation of Armstrong Avenue residents demanded Greater Victoria school board provide a parking lot for student cars on nearby Oak Bay High School property.

One woman said 14 small children living on the street are in "constant danger" from cars driven by students.

"These students drive down the street at any speed, with squealing tires, horns blowing and radios blaring," said Mrs. H. L. Woolison, 1743 Armstrong.

"They have no respect at all for the residents. We are subjected daily to the noise and the bad language of the students—not all, but enough to make our lives miserable."

Board members replied that their hands were tied, because regulations governing school boards do not cover construction of parking lots for student cars.

Problem for Community

"The school board should come up to date and realize that it has a responsibility to provide parking for students as well as teachers," said A. C. Smith, 1766 Armstrong.

Board chairman Mrs. W. W. McGill told the delegation the matter of student parking at high schools throughout the area is under "intensive consideration," but she added the board wasn't prepared to make a statement at this time.

Trustee Richard Reeve said the problem wasn't strictly one for the board—but a community problem.

"I share with you criticism of parents who permit use of automobiles by youngsters going to school," he told the delegation.

"Many of these kids have their own automobiles in which they ride virtually three blocks to school.

"The parents are being far from kind to the youngsters in permitting this . . . and it's defeating all the good aims of our schools."

Mr. Reeve said a recent editorial in the local press drew attention to a survey which linked bad marks with youngsters who drove their own cars to school.

Garbage Litters Streets

The delegation also complained that students at lunch littered the streets with "garbage" including skins of bananas and oranges, and their parked cars made access impossible to the only fire hydrant, located at the end of the dead-end street.

Trustee Kenneth Leeming said the behavior of drivers in cars was a police matter—and "if the police won't act then it's not our problem."

Similarly, said Mr. Leeming, blocking off the fire hydrant was a matter for action by the Oak Bay fire department, and it was the responsibility of the school principal to discipline students caught tossing litter out of cars.

District school superintendent John Gough said in defence of the principal: "He cannot control the bringing of cars to school. He can't forbid the use of cars at noontime. And he's looking for a solution to this problem as hard as anyone."

No Misbehavior Complaints

Trustee W. C. Gelling said he questioned Oak Bay Police Chief Robert Smith "very particularly on this matter, and he assured me there had not been one official complaint of student misbehavior in cars."

He added it was "impossible" to call Armstrong a drag strip — "you would need at least a quarter-mile-long street."

"You come out and sit down with us any school day for about an hour after 11.40 in the morning," retorted J. Lyle Wilson, 1757 Armstrong.

Mr. Wilson said residents had requested one-hour parking on the street and "the school board can help us by telling Oak Bay council you recommend it be done."

Board members endorsed this proposal and Mr. Wilson said "I think that will be the temporary answer to the problem."

Trustee A. H. Wilson had the last word: "The problem is one for the parents. I can't see the justification for 90 per cent of those who do take their cars to school. If I could, I would say let the board get on with the job of providing student parking."

The board is continuing its study of student parking problems.

Employees To Ponder Wage Hike

A conciliation board's recommendation of a 19-cents-an-hour wage increase for the city's outside workers is expected to be considered tonight by their union, the City Employees' Protective Association.

City council will consider the recommendation Thursday.

The board's findings are not binding on the city nor the union in this case, and rejection by either or both parties could lead to further negotiation, arbitration if both agreed to it, or, if the worst developed, a strike.

Back on the Job

Tying into a deskload of work with renewed energy, Premier Bennett is back on the job at the legislative buildings after a holiday in Hawaii.—(Colonist photo)

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Big Bingo Sellout Certain

Another sellout appears certain for the Kinsmen Giant Bingo to be held at 8 p.m. Monday in Memorial Arena.

Kinsman Jack Phillion reported yesterday that already 6,500 of the 7,753 seats have been sold. This is the heaviest advance sale in the history of the event.

"The dream trip for two to any city in North America, applications for which had to be entered by Saturday, is probably responsible," he said.

Socreds Split On Election

Provincial government feeling is 50-50 split between a decision to hold a general provincial election in 1960 or 1961, Premier Bennett said yesterday.

Good Map Released

A particularly interesting map showing details of streets and terrain of southern Vancouver Island from Point No Point to the San Juan Islands and Race Rocks to Ladysmith and including all the Gulf Islands was released by the department of lands and forests yesterday.

Copies may be obtained from the geographic division, department of lands and forests, 553 Superior Street, room 108, at 25 cents plus one cent tax.

'Whole Pacific Sphere'

Wider Outlook Provincial Need

Fresh from Hawaii, a buoyant Premier Bennett yesterday declared that "part of new B.C. government attitude is that B.C. must more and more take an interest in the whole Pacific sphere, including Australia and New Zealand within the Commonwealth."

"Our government is very much for the Commonwealth, but we feel there should be closer co-operation between Alaska, Hawaii and the Pacific states of Washington, Oregon and California," he said.

He said the province will seek official goodwill meetings with Alaska and with Hawaii once it becomes an official state. "B.C. views the new states with importance," he said.

"We are in a rising period of development now and business will improve. The upward swing will gain momentum in this year and 1960," he said.

Victoria Outshines Hawaii

Back at his desk after a two-week Hawaiian holiday, Premier Bennett said Hawaii doesn't rival the beauty of our capital city of Victoria.

"The only reason I left this beautiful province was to get a complete change . . . to get away from discussions . . . to put me in a better humor for the business of this province," the premier said.

Wicks 'Brilliant' Bennett Believes

Premier Bennet charged yesterday that "a lot of labor leaders underestimate the ability of Labor Minister Lyle Wicks . . . a brilliant man."

The premier said a lot of thought, over many months, went into the new labor legislation.

"A month has gone by . . . nobody has been hurt . . . this labor legislation was developed for the labor man himself," he said.

"As labor leaders study it . . . see it in operation . . . they will become more and more in favor," he claimed.

"We are the middle of the road government . . . We represent all economic groups . . . We are a straight middle of the road government."

Premier Wants BCPC To Develop River

Premier Bennett yesterday made it definite the B.C. Power Commission will develop the Columbia River.

"Unfortunately the timing is not ours, but my leaning is strongly to, the B.C. Power Commission," he said.

He added there were still lots of problems to be solved regarding the Columbia. "B.C. just wants fair treatment. We stand 100 per cent for co-operation," he said in explaining negotiations for the Columbia are between federal and U.S. governments.

Jaycees Plan Funds Return

Junior Chamber of Commerce last night announced the manner in which it will return contributions in the unsuccessful drive to build a second ice rink in the city.

President Ray Rawnsley said that all pledges will be destroyed, all cheques will be refunded, all cash donations $2 and over will be refunded by mail and cash donations under $2 will be available at a pick-up place.

Proceeds of the Ice-Arama will remain in the "ice surface trust fund" until the trustees decide on its disposition.

"The poor response to the canvass clearly indicated there were not sufficient people interested to help us realize our goal," said Mr. Rawnsley. If the city or neighboring municipalities had been able to offer backing "we feel that a more encouraging canvass would have resulted."

HARRY HEAL

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Seen in Passing

Harry Heal, recalling old times through cigar smoke at his dockside home, the 22-foot cabin boat HWH at the fisherman's wharf by Johnson Street bridge. Born 90 years ago in Royal Oak, then part of the Lake District, he was a member of B.C. Provincial Police in 1899. Son, **Wallace**, is a Victoria contractor . . . **George Simpson** talking about movie cameras . . . **Peter Brown** talking about his vacation in Mexico . . . **Vic Fuggle** talking about his transfer to Vancouver . . . **Bill Hughes** and wife, **Diane**, listening to Dixieland jazz until the early hours . . . **Ken Hall** talking about his Vancouver restaurant . . . **Gunter** and **Ingrid Koch** relaxing with a party of friends . . . **Ken Robinson** packing a bouquet of flowers in a box, for delivery . . . **Bob Scarabelli** walking along Douglas . . . **Gordon Korber** talking about handicapped basketball . . . **George Colwill** working on plans for the Jaycee fair this year.

By School Board

Ultimatum Given City

Greater Victoria school board said last night it will establish its own health services unless the municipalities of Victoria and Esquimalt revamp their present joint board of health within 30 days.

Trustee W. C. Thomson said the present joint health board "was more or less a sub-committee of city council." He said the Schools Act clearly states that school boards can only deal with properly constituted union boards of health.

"Our hands are tied," he said.

Trustee Richard Reeve said the board implied no criticism of the present service provided by the Victoria-Esquimalt health board under Dr. C. E. Mahaffy.

"The service is excellent," said Mr. Reeve. "But it is very worrying to me personally that Dr. Mahaffy could resign on 30 days notice. And anyway her services will be terminated on retirement in November."

Mr. Reeve said he was strongly in favor of a metropolitan board of health serving the four Greater Victoria municipalities. This scheme has already received tentative approval of Victoria and Esquimalt councils.

"But I can see delays ahead in this metropolitan plan," he said. "Therefore the next immediate step is to set up a new board operating as we have done in the past, but on a properly constituted basis.'" the school board no alterna-

Failure to comply by the two municipalities would leave the school board no alternative but to set up its own health facilities, said Mr. Reeve. "But it would be a retrograde step."

The board favors an amalgamated board of health with one school medical officer replacing the three doctors who now direct school health services. They are Dr. Mahaffy for Victoria-Esquimalt, Dr. A. N. Beattie for Saanich-View Royal, and Dr. Neil R. Stewart, Oak Bay.

Cut, Bruised

Infant Flung From Car

A tiny Victoria girl narrowly escaped serious injury or worse yesterday when thrown from the door of a car as it rolled over in a spectacular traffic crash.

Christine Plaxton, 2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Plaxton, 1156 Balmoral, was treated at Royal Jubilee Hospital emergency ward for a cut head and abrasions. She was admitted pending a study of X-rays.

The child hed been taken for a drive by her uncle, Alfred Marshman, also of 1156 Balmoral. They were driving south on Blackwood when in collision with a car driven east on King's Road by Herbert C. Harris, Apt. 3, 1015 Cook.

Harris' car lost its front licence plate and received a faint mark on the bumper when it hit the rear of the Marshman vehicle.

The Marshman vehicle skidded out of control into the curb and started to turn over. On its way it struck a fire hydrant, crossed the sidewalk and went down over two concrete retaining walls to land right-side-up on the lawn at 2590 Blackwood, home of R. D. I. Lyall.

Present Services Inadequate

Three Groups Urge Area Juvenile Court

A brief urging establishment of a Greater Victoria juvenile and family court with proper facilities and adequate staff has been forwarded to the attorney-general and the minister of social welfare by Victoria Community Chest, Community Welfare Council and the Family and Children's service.

Introduction to the brief says the sponsoring groups "are concerned about the present services offered in Greater Victoria in respect to the organization of juvenile court, and the lack of facilities for delinquent and maladjusted children."

The submission asks the government to take action to bring together spokesmen for Oak Bay, Saanich, Victoria and Esquimalt with a view to early establishment of a "unified" juvenile and family court.

The brief seeks a capital grant to the family and children's service to help finance construction of additional cottage units, plus an annual operating grant to enable the organization to maintain its services.

Immediate action is asked on a recommendation that the provincial government develop additional institutional facilities for boys and girls in order to relieve existing overcrowding, provide segregation and ensure specialized training.

Director to Speak

Dr. A. C. Pinkerton, medical director of he Greater Vancouver Cerebral Palsy Clinic, will speak at the annual meeting of the Victoria Cerebral Palsy Association at 8 p.m. Monday in the medical lecture room of the Royal Jubilee Hospital.

Jubilee Building Fund Reaches $280,000 Total

Royal Jubilee Hospital building fund last night reached a total of $280,000.

Another $130,000 must be raised by April 30 if the drive is to reach its target.

Campaign officials said donations amounting to an average of $3,000 daily are coming in through the mails from private individuals.

No door-to-door appeal is being made.